(c) whether any steps have been taken to review the way the officials rushed through proposals to Cabinet for approval ; and

(d) what steps have been taken to ensure that there is no repetition of such short circuiting of the conventions and procedures in public interest ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) The Cabinet Secretary has received representations from some Hon'ble Members of Parliament regarding the handling of the proposed legislation on anti-tobacco measures by the Health Ministry; but in none of these representations is there any specific mention of violation of conventions;

(b) Does not arise;

(c) The proposals have not been rushed through the Cabinet;

(d) Does not arise.

INSTALLATION OF MORE ATOMIC POWER STATIONS

3027. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the growing power shortage in the country Government are considering to install more atomic power stations;

(b) if so, the details and the names of the places; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c) The electric power needs of the country are met by a combination of different energy resources including conventional, non-conventional and nuclear. There are nine Atomic Power Units with a total capacity of 1720 MWe—2 units each at Tarapur, Rajasthan, Madras and Narora and one at Kakrapar. Five more Atomic Power Units are under construction. The second unit at Kakrapar is in an advanced stage and is expected to become critical in February 1994. The two units at Kaiga in Karnataka are expected to reach criticality in June 1996 and December 1996. Two additional Units at the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project are scheduled for criticality in November 1996 and May 1997. More units of Atomic Power Stations at Tarapur, Kaiga and Rajasthan are at planning stage. The construction of these units will be taken up subject to the availability of funds.

REVIEW OF THE WORKING OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS CONSEQUENT ON KALPAKKAM REACTOR BREAKDOWN INCIDENT

3028. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there was serious breakdown at Nuclear Reactor on the lines of Narora leak;

(b) whether this also signifies failure of the so called independent Safety Regulatory Agency set up by Government; and

(c) whether Government will set up a high powered Parliamentary Committee to enquire into the entire working of nuclear power installations including other diversionary projects like the Food radiation project on the lines of similar trends in some of the western countries ?